



**ORDINARY COUNCIL (TOWN PLANNING) MEETING OF
THE HUME CITY COUNCIL**

MONDAY, 27 JULY 2020

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Minutes of the
ORDINARY COUNCIL (TOWN PLANNING) MEETING OF THE HUME CITY COUNCIL
held on Monday, 27 July 2020
at 7:00PM

Virtual Meeting was livestreamed via www.hume.vic.gov.au

Present: a: Council

Cr Carly Moore	Mayor
Cr Jack Medcraft	Deputy Mayor
Cr Karen Sherry	Deputy Mayor
Cr Joseph Haweil	
Cr Jodi Jackson	
Cr Drew Jessop, OAM	
Cr Leigh Johnson	
Cr Geoff Porter	
Cr Ann Potter	
Cr Jana Taylor	

b: Officers

Mr Domenic Isola	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Hector Gaston	Director Community Services
Mr Michael Sharp	Director Planning and Development
Ms Roslyn Wai	Director Communications, Engagement and Advocacy
Mr Peter Waite	Director Sustainable Infrastructure and Services
Mr Daryl Whitfort	Director Corporate Services
Ms Joanne Grindrod	Governance Support Officer

Proceedings to be Recorded

The Mayor advised that the Council meeting was being livestreamed on Council's website and that an audio recording of the Council meeting would be made and published to Council's website within 2 working days of the meeting.

The Mayor advised that as Council is the owner of the copyright in the livestream and notwithstanding anything appearing on Council's website, any recording, copying or other use of the livestream is strictly prohibited and would therefore constitute a breach of Council's copyright.

The Mayor advised that as members of the gallery could not be in attendance at the meeting, any person wishing to make comment to reports listed on the Agenda, had been requested to submit their comments in advance of the meeting. Provided they are compliant with the *Governance Local Law 2013* and Council's Code of Meeting Procedures, with the exception of being present at the meeting, these comments would be read out by the Chief Executive Officer.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND

The Mayor read the following:

"I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on Gunung-Willam-Balluk land. The Gunung-Willam-Balluk of the Wurundjeri are the first and original people of this land. I would like to pay my respects to their Elders, past and present, and the Elders from other communities who may be here today."

2. PRAYER

The Mayor advised that Councillors would normally be asked to stand for the Prayer as a sign of respect, however given that the meeting is being conducted online Councillors would not be required to stand on this occasion.

The Mayor read the following:

“Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee to vouchsafe Thy blessing upon this Council. Direct and prosper its deliberations to the advancement of Thy glory and the true welfare of the people of the Hume City.”

Amen

3. APOLOGIES

Councillor Naim Kurt is an Apology by Suspension.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

The Mayor drew Councillors' attention to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989* in relation to the disclosure of conflicts of interests. Councillors are required to disclose any conflict of interest immediately before consideration or discussion of the relevant item. Councillors are then required to leave the Chamber during discussion and not vote on the relevant item.

No Councillors declared any Conflict of Interest.

5. CONDOLENCE MOTIONS

Nil.

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

NOM403 NOM403 by Cr Leigh Johnson

Moved Cr Leigh Johnson, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council writes to the Minister for Planning and the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change requesting:

- (a) **Detail on the community consultation process to be undertaken for communities potentially impacted by the transportation, processing and storage of Westgate Tunnel soil at the Hi-Quality site at Bulla;**
- (b) **If this community consultation process will be aligned with the PFAS National Environmental Management Plan (NEMP) communication and engagement guidelines;**
- (c) **If the State Government and the EPA will provide the details of the testing and analysis undertaken with regards to the Hi-Quality site at Bulla and its use for treatment and storage of PFAS or any other material from the Westgate Tunnel Project; and**
- (d) **If the State Government will establish a process to respond to community concerns regarding any such proposal.**

CARRIED

7. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Reports Identified as Requiring Individual Discussion

Report No.	Report	Page in Agenda
HE113	Child Safe Policy	5
	Moved Cr Geoff Porter, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft	
	That Council adopts the Child Safe Policy (Attachment 1) to ensure it contributes to Council's commitment to child safety and a safe workplace for all staff, councilors and volunteers.	
		CARRIED
HE114	Proposal to Revoke the Hume Food Policy 2015	43
	Moved Cr Karen Sherry, Seconded Cr Drew Jessop	
	That Council:	
	2.1 notes the range of food-related activities currently being implemented across Council in order to create a food system that is health-promoting, sustainable, fair and economically balanced; and	
	2.2 revokes the <i>Food Policy 2015</i>.	
		CARRIED
CC115	Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct - Community Advisory Group Appointment.	69
	Moved Cr Leigh Johnson, Seconded Cr Ann Potter	
	That Council approves the appointment of the six recommended applicants outlined in paragraph 10.4 and invites them to join the Sunbury Community Arts and Cultural Precinct - Community Advisory Group along with the seven direct invites outlined in paragraph 10.2.	
		CARRIED
SU488	1 Biltris Court, Jacana- Demolition of existing dwelling and development of three double storey dwellings	79
	Moved Cr Geoff Porter, Seconded Cr Karen Sherry	
	That Council, having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for the demolition of existing dwelling and development of three double storey dwellings on a lot at 1 Biltris Court, Jacana, on the following grounds:	

- 2.1 The double-storey built form will be unacceptably dominant within the streetscape and inconsistent with the existing neighbourhood character.
- 2.2 The layout of the development does not maximise the energy efficiency of the dwellings,
- 2.3 The layout of the development does not provide adequate solar access to proposed open space.

CARRIED

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SU489	1 Merit Drive Craigieburn - The development of the land for three double storey dwellings	111

The Chief Executive Officer read out a submitted statement to Council on behalf of Mr Mohamed Ibrahim, Ms Lisa Occhiuzzi, Mr Robert Cann, Mr Chetan Bhardwaj and Mr Harminder Singh.

Moved Cr Jack Medcraft, **Seconded** Cr Drew Jessop

That Council, having considered the application on its merits, resolves to issue a Planning Permit for the development of three double storey dwellings at 1 Merit Drive Craigieburn, subject to the following conditions:

- 2.1 **Before the development is commenced, plans to the satisfaction of the responsible authority must be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of the permit. The plans must be drawn to scale with dimensions and three copies must be provided. The plans must be generally in accordance with plans submitted with the application and dated 12 March 2019, but modified to show:**
 - a. **The proposed double crossover to be 7000mm in width (instead of 7200mm),**
 - b. **The fence associated with the secluded private open space of Dwelling 1; and any dividing fences in the front setbacks of all dwellings, be shown to be a feature fence of horizontal or vertical slat fence of 25% transparency or acceptable alternative. These must be shown through annotation on the site plan, and as elevations;**
 - c. **The colours and materials schedule;**
 - d. **Landscaping in accordance with Condition 6.**
- 2.2 **The development shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the prior written consent of the responsible authority.**
- 2.3 **Once the approved development has started, it must be continued and completed to the satisfaction of the responsible authority except with the prior consent of the responsible authority.**
- 2.4 **The external materials, finishes and paint colours of the approved building must be to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.**

- 2.5 Any equipment required for refrigeration, air-conditioning, heating and the like must be located appropriately on the land/building and must be suitably insulated for the purpose of reducing noise emissions, to the satisfaction of the responsible authority.
- 2.6 The development permitted by this permit must not be commenced until a satisfactory landscape plan for the whole of the subject land is submitted to and approved by the responsible authority. Such plan must show the area(s) set aside for landscaping which is to include the planting of a minimum of one large canopy tree in the front setback of Dwelling 1, a small-medium canopy tree within the secluded private open space areas of all dwellings; and low scale planting and screening wherever practicable, and in accordance with Council's Landscape Guidelines and to include a schedule of all proposed trees, shrubs and groundcover (including size of maturity and botanical names), irrigation and when approved an endorsed copy must form part of this permit.
- 2.7 The landscape area(s) shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be planted and maintained to the satisfaction of the responsible authority and once landscaped must not be used for any other purpose. Maintenance must include the removal of weeds and the replacement of any dead plants in accordance with the endorsed landscape planting schedule.
- 2.8 In accordance with the Craigieburn R2 PSP Development Contributions Plan (September 2017) the Community Infrastructure Levy must be paid to Hume City Council after certification of the plan of subdivision but less than 21 days prior to the issue of a Statement of Compliance in respect of the plan under the Subdivision Act 1988.
- 2.9 The street tree located on Dashing Road must only be removed and replaced with Council's Parks Departments prior consent, and at full cost to the developer.
- 2.10 Areas set aside for the parking and movement of vehicles as shown on the endorsed plan(s) must be made available for such use and must not be used for any other purpose.
- 2.11 Any cut or fill must not interfere with the natural overland storm water flow.
- 2.12 The whole of the subject land, including any landscaped and paved areas, must be graded and drained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority so as to prevent the discharge of storm water causing damage/nuisance from the subject land across any road or footpath or onto adjoining land. All storm water tanks must have the overflow pipe connected to the legal point of discharge.
- 2.13 Storm water must not be discharged from the subject land other than by means of an underground pipe drain to a Council nominated point of discharge in a road or to an underground pipe drain and the drainage system must be designed to the requirements and satisfaction of the relevant Building Surveyor.

- 2.14 No polluted and/or sediment laden runoff is to be discharged directly or indirectly into Council's drains or watercourses during and after development.
- 2.15 Vehicle access to and from the subject land from any roadway or service lane must be by way of a vehicle crossing constructed in accordance with Council's Vehicle Crossing Specifications to suit the proposed driveway(s) and the vehicles that will use the crossing(s). The location, design and construction of the vehicle crossing(s) must be approved by the Responsible Authority after first obtaining a road opening permit from Council.
- 2.16 This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:
- the development is not started within three years of the date of this permit; or
 - the development is not completed within six years of the date of this permit.

The responsible authority may extend the periods referred to if a request is made in writing:

- before or within six months after the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has not yet started; or
- within 12 months after the permit expiry date, where the development allowed by the permit has lawfully started before the permit expires.

Permit Notes:

- If a request for an extension of commencement/completion dates is made out of time allowed, the responsible authority cannot consider the request and the permit holder will not be able to apply to VCAT for a review of the matter.
- Drainage investigation is required for the development (fees apply) and must be submitted to Council's Assets (Civil) Department for approval. This will determine if on-site detention system, upgrading of Council's existing drainage pipes or new drainage pipes are required by the owners/developers.
- Following the Drainage Investigation, internal drainage plans must be submitted to Council's Assets (Civil) Department for approval.
- An "Application for Legal Point of Storm water Discharge" is required to be submitted to Council prior to connection to the drainage system.
- The internal storm water drainage design must be approved by the relevant Building Surveyor as per the Building Regulation 2006, Reg. 610.
- An application for a 'Consent to Dig in the Road Reserve' permit for a vehicle crossing is to be submitted to Council for approval. A copy of the Council endorsed plan showing all vehicle crossing details is to be attached to the application.
- Any service relocations are to the approval of the Service Authority and at the owners cost.

Cr Ann Potter left the meeting after the motion was moved on item SU489 - 1 Merit Drive Craigieburn - The development of the land for three double storey dwellings, the time being 7:40pm

Cr Ann Potter returned to the meeting during discussion and prior to the vote on item SU489 - 1 Merit Drive Craigieburn - The development of the land for three double storey dwellings, the time being 7:44pm

LOST

Alternate

Moved Cr Joseph Haweil, **Seconded** Cr Jodi Jackson

That Council, having considered the application on its merits, resolves to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for the development of three double storey dwellings on a lot at 1 Merit Drive, Craigieburn, on the following grounds:

- 2.1 The proposal represents an overdevelopment of the site.
- 2.2 The built form will be unacceptably dominant within the streetscape and is inconsistent with the existing neighbourhood character.
- 2.3 The proposal will cause material detriment to neighbouring residents, by way of noise, privacy and traffic related matters.
- 2.4 The proposal is inconsistent to the Craigieburn R2 Precinct Structure Plan, by proposing medium density residential development in an area designated for conventional density.
- 2.5 The proposal is contrary to the orderly planning of the area.

CARRIED

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SU490	56 Stanhope St, Broadmeadows - Four double storey dwellings with garages	137

The Chief Executive Officer read out a submitted statement to Council on behalf of Mrs Sonja Rutherford

Moved Cr Geoff Porter, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

That Council, having considered the application on its merits and the objections received, resolves to issue a Notice of Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for the development of four double storey dwellings with garages on a lot at 56 Stanhope Street, Broadmeadows, on the following grounds:

- 2.1 The double-storey built form will be unacceptably dominant within the streetscape and inconsistent with the existing neighbourhood character.
- 2.2 The layout of the development does not maximise the energy efficiency of the dwellings.
- 2.3 The layout of the development does not provide adequate solar access to proposed open space.

CARRIED

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GE448	Chief Executive Officer - Contract of Employment	197

Moved Cr Geoff Porter, **Seconded** Cr Drew Jessop

That Council endorses, signs and seals the Contract of Employment for Mr Domenic Isola as Hume City Council's Chief Executive Officer for the period 6 August 2020 to 5 August 2024.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jodi Jackson

That Council reappoints Mr Domenic Isola as Hume City Council's CEO for a period of 2 years to the 5th August 2022, and that Council appropriately amends the prepared Contract of Employment to reflect that timeframe before signing and sealing the contract.

The motion failed for want of a seconder.

The substantive motion was then put.

That Council endorses, signs and seals the Contract of Employment for Mr Domenic Isola as Hume City Council's Chief Executive Officer for the period 6 August 2020 to 5 August 2024.

CARRIED

A division was requested: The result of the division was as follows:

For	Against
Cr Drew Jessop	Cr Jodi Jackson
Cr Jana Taylor	
Cr Leigh Johnson	
Cr Ann Potter	
Cr Joseph Haweil	
Cr Karen Sherry	
Cr Geoff Porter	
Cr Jack Medcraft	
Cr Carly Moore	

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GE451	2020/21 Annual Budget Adoption and Declaration of Rates and Charges	353

The Chief Executive Officer read out a submitted statement to Council on behalf of Mr Chris O'Neill

Moved Cr Karen Sherry, **Seconded** Cr Jana Taylor

2.1 That Council having considered the details of the 2020/21 recurrent and capital budget, attachment 1, which includes:

- 2.1.1 Section 1 – Link to the Council Plan**
 - 2.1.2 Section 2 – Services and Service Performance Indicators**
 - 2.1.3 Section 3 – Financial Statements**
 - 2.1.4 Section 4 – Notes to the Financial Statements**
 - 2.1.5 Section 5 – Schedule of Fees & Charges**
- adopts the Budget.**

- 2.2 That in accordance with Section 158 of the Act, Council declares a uniform general rate of 0.33216 cents in the dollar of the Capital Improved Value within the municipal district for all rateable land for the rating period commencing 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021.
- 2.3 That in accordance with Section 169 of the Act, Council grant an Agricultural Land Use Rebate of 23% of the general rate to those owners who undertake works that address land degradation issues including weed and pest animal control. To be eligible, landowners must be using their land primarily for agricultural land use activities and implement satisfactory land management practices on rural property.
- 2.4 That Council grants an additional pensioner rate rebate of \$38.00 per rateable property to those applicants who qualify for a rate rebate within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* over and above that provided by the State Government. This rebate is to be granted on the same terms and conditions that provides for the State Government funded rebate without separate application in accordance with Section 171 of the Act.
- 2.5 That in accordance with Section 171 (1)(a) of the Act Council grants a COVID-19 rate waiver of \$12.00 per rateable property to those applicants who qualify and also receive a pension rate rebate within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*. The combined rebate and waiver per property will be \$50.00.
- 2.6 That Council grants for those residential and rural properties where the property is the rate payers principal place of residence and the rate payer is not in receipt of a pension rebate within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* a COVID-19 rate waiver of \$50.00 per rateable property in accordance with Section 171 (1)(b) of the Act to assist the community with the financial hardship caused during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2.7 In relation to points 2.5 and 2.6, these waivers will only apply to properties recorded in Councils rate database as at 1 July 2020.
- 2.8 That Council declares that all rates for rateable land be determined by multiplying the Capital Improved Value of the rateable land by the relevant general rate indicated at 2.2 above.
- 2.9 That in accordance with Section 167 (1) of the Act, the general rates and service charges are payable by four instalments. The gazetted instalment dates as fixed by the Minister are as follows: 30 September 2020, 30 November 2020, 28 February 2021 and 31 May 2021.
- 2.10 That in accordance with Section 167 (2A) of the Act, Council will not be offering the lump sum payment option.
- 2.11 That Council will not be charging interest on outstanding rates balances up to 31 December 2020.
- 2.12 That in accordance with Section 172 of the Act, Council proposes that a person pay interest at the rate specified in the *Penalty Interest Rates Act 1983* on any general rates or charges which that person is liable to pay and have not been paid from 1 January 2021.

- 2.13 That in accordance with Section 159 of the Act, Council declares that a municipal charge will not be levied against any rateable land on which a municipal charge may be levied for the rating period commencing on 1 July 2020 and ending on 30 June 2021.
- 2.14 That in accordance with Section 162 of the Act, Council declares annual service charges for the disposal of refuse per collection services for rateable and non-rateable properties for the period commencing 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021; where each occupied serviced rateable property is entitled to one 140L garbage service and one 240L recycle service without charge, as follows:

Waste Service Option	Per service
Additional Recycle 140L bin	\$68.90
Additional Recycle 240L bin	\$68.90
Organic 140L bin	\$83.90
Organic 240L bin	\$106.70
Garbage 80L in lieu of 140L standard issue	\$20.20 discount
Additional Garbage 80L bin	\$87.10
Additional Garbage 140L bin	\$151.20
Garbage bin upgrade from 140L to 240L	\$113.30
Additional Garbage 240L bin	\$261.60

- 2.15 That an amount of \$199.92 million be declared as the amount Council intends to raise from the general rates and charges for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021 as follows:

2.15.1	General Rates	\$ 179,651,028
	Less Agricultural Land Use Rebate (\$ 600,000)	
	Less Council Pension Rebate (\$ 513,000)	
	Less COVID-19 Rates Waiver (\$ 3,100,000)	
	Total rates	\$ 175,438,028
2.15.2	Service Charge – Recycling & Garbage	\$ 230,000
	Service Charge – Organics	\$ 3,000,000
	Total Rates & Service Charges	\$ 178,668,028
2.15.3	Projected Supplementary Rate Income	\$ 3,500,000
2.15.4	Interest on Rates and Service Charges	\$ 334,000
2.15.5	Rates in lieu	\$ 17,422,000
		<u>\$ 199,924,028</u>

- 2.16 That Council notes that in accordance with Section 158 of the Act and the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2014, detailed information concerning general rates and charges is appended to this report.
- 2.17 That Council endorses the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Council held on 15 June 2020.

- 2.18 That Council endorses the following adjustments to the draft budget which take into consideration the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic that continues to evolve and other operational updates which have subsequently become known. These changes primarily relate to additional funding which will be received for the Working for Victoria initiative, the advance payment of the Victoria Grants Commission financial assistance grants, other operational updates and amendments to the capital works program. The impact of these changes on the Income Statement and Balance Sheet are as follows:
- 2.18.1 An increase of \$3.69 million to total income. (\$424.53 million to \$428.22 million).
 - 2.18.2 An increase of \$14.63 million to the total expenditure. (\$294.82 million to \$309.45 million).
 - 2.18.3 A reduction of \$10.94 million to the operating result. (\$129.71 million to \$118.77 million).
 - 2.18.4 An increase of \$23 million to total assets. (\$4.281 billion to \$4.304 billion)
 - 2.18.5 A decrease of \$11.16 million to total liabilities. (\$112.74 million to \$101.58 million)
 - 2.18.6 An increase of \$34.16 million in total equity. (\$4.17 billion to \$4.2 billion)
- 2.19 Some of the major adjustments to Council's draft operating budget are as follows:
- 2.19.1 The Working for Victoria initiative. (An additional \$7.99 million in grants income offset against \$7.99 million in expense).
 - 2.19.2 Additional stimulus package of \$5.6 million. COVID-19 rates wavier of \$3.1 million. (Rates wavier up to \$50 for residential and rural properties where the property is the rate payer's principal place of residence) and \$2.5 million set aside for further stimulus to be used as required.
 - 2.19.3 The advance payment of \$8.1 million for the 2020/21 Victoria Grants Commission financial assistance grants in 2019/20.
 - 2.19.4 Additional roads funding of \$1.62 million from the Commonwealth Government for the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.
 - 2.19.5 An increase in waste related expenditure of \$3.1 million (carried forward).
 - 2.19.6 A reduction in developer contribution of \$1 million due to advance payments and land revaluations.
- 2.20 In addition to the above, adjustments to Council's capital works program have been made as follows:
- 2.20.1 New works for 2019/20 have increased by \$2.53 million (\$105.89 million to \$108.42 million)
 - 2.20.2 An increase of \$10.19 million in carried forward works (\$41.98 million to \$52.17 million)
- 2.21 The main adjustments to Council's capital works program are as follows;

- 2.21.1 Reconstructions of Bamburgh Street in Jacana and Tatura Crescent in Broadmeadows, which are funded by an additional \$1.62 million from the Commonwealth Government for the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.
- 2.21.2 An additional \$800,000 for the Broadmeadows GLC tenancy landlord works for a proposed tenant.
- 2.22 That Council notes that the above amendments at 2.18, 2.19 2.20 and 2.21 are primarily due to timing differences between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years and an additional stimulus package and will be funded through additional grant funding, future rental revenue and cash reserves.
- 2.23 That Council endorses the schedule of fees and charges with an effective commencement date of 1 July 2020.
- 2.24 That each of the submitters be advised of Council's decision in relation to their submissions as detailed in paragraph 9.4 of the report.
- 2.25 That in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, Council resolves to notify and place on public notice its adoption of the Budget.
- 2.26 That in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, Council resolves to send a copy of the Budget to the Minister for Local Government.

Amendment

Moved Cr Jodi Jackson

That Council set aside a further \$110,000 for the construction of a new bridge over Aitken Creek between Clovelly Drive and Axminster Drive which meets the one in one-hundred-year flood level as Council has been briefed on. This includes a ten per cent contingency to cover any unexpected additional costs.

The motion failed for want of a seconder.

The substantive motion was then put.

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- 2.18.5 A decrease of \$11.16 million to total liabilities. (\$112.74 million to \$101.58 million)
- 2.18.6 An increase of \$34.16 million in total equity. (\$4.17 billion to \$4.2 billion)
- 2.19 Some of the major adjustments to Council's draft operating budget are as follows:
 - 2.19.1 The Working for Victoria initiative. (An additional \$7.99 million in grants income offset against \$7.99 million in expense).
 - 2.19.2 Additional stimulus package of \$5.6 million. COVID-19 rates wavier of \$3.1 million. (Rates wavier up to \$50 for residential and rural properties where the property is the rate payer's principal place of residence) and \$2.5 million set aside for further stimulus to be used as required.
 - 2.19.3 The advance payment of \$8.1 million for the 2020/21 Victoria Grants Commission financial assistance grants in 2019/20.
 - 2.19.4 Additional roads funding of \$1.62 million from the Commonwealth Government for the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.
 - 2.19.5 An increase in waste related expenditure of \$3.1 million (carried forward).
 - 2.19.6 A reduction in developer contribution of \$1 million due to advance payments and land revaluations.
- 2.20 In addition to the above, adjustments to Council's capital works program have been made as follows:
 - 2.20.1 New works for 2019/20 have increased by \$2.53 million (\$105.89 million to \$108.42 million)
 - 2.20.2 An increase of \$10.19 million in carried forward works (\$41.98 million to \$52.17 million)
- 2.21 The main adjustments to Council's capital works program are as follows;
 - 2.21.1 Reconstructions of Bamburgh Street in Jacana and Tatura Crescent in Broadmeadows, which are funded by an additional \$1.62 million from the Commonwealth Government for the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.
 - 2.21.2 An additional \$800,000 for the Broadmeadows GLC tenancy landlord works for a proposed tenant.

- 2.22 That Council notes that the above amendments at 2.18, 2.19 2.20 and 2.21 are primarily due to timing differences between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years and an additional stimulus package and will be funded through additional grant funding, future rental revenue and cash reserves.
- 2.23 That Council endorses the schedule of fees and charges with an effective commencement date of 1 July 2020.
- 2.24 That each of the submitters be advised of Council's decision in relation to their submissions as detailed in paragraph 9.4 of the report.
- 2.25 That in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, Council resolves to notify and place on public notice its adoption of the Budget.
- 2.26 That in accordance with Section 130 of the Act, Council resolves to send a copy of the Budget to the Minister for Local Government.

CARRIED

Reports Not Otherwise Dealt WithMoved Cr Ann Potter, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

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be adopted.

CARRIED

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	Moved Cr Ann Potter, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft That the report be noted.	

CARRIED

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GE446	Building Control Services Delegation Report - 1 April 2020 - 30 June 2020	179
	Moved Cr Ann Potter, Seconded Cr Jack Medcraft That this report be received and noted.	

CARRIED

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GE447	S173 Agreements - Building Over Easement - 1 April 2020 - 30 June 2020	193

Moved Cr Ann Potter, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

That Council notes the listing of all Agreements under *Section 173 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987* dealt with under delegation between 1 April 2020 and 30 June 2020 (Attachment 1).

CARRIED

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GE449	Amendment to Council Meeting Schedule - September 2020	199

Moved Cr Ann Potter, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

2.1 THAT the Hume City Council Meeting Schedule for September 2020, be amended as follows:

DATE	MEETING TYPE	VENUE
Monday 7 September 2020	Ordinary	Virtual meeting
Monday 21 September 2020	Ordinary (Town Planning)	Virtual meeting

2.2 THAT all meetings start at 7.00pm.

2.3 THAT the amended Council Meeting dates and starting time of 7.00pm be advertised on Council's website.

CARRIED

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GE450	Council Plan 2017-2021 (2020/21 Actions) Incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan and Disability Action Plan	203

Moved Cr Ann Potter, **Seconded** Cr Jack Medcraft

In accordance with Sections 125 and 126 of the Local Government Act 1989, Council adopt the Council Plan 2017-2021 (2020/21 Actions) incorporating the Strategic Resource Plan [refer Attachment One.

CARRIED

8. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

The Meeting may be closed to members of the public to consider confidential matters.

Moved Cr Ann Potter, **Seconded** Cr Karen Sherry

THAT Council close the meeting to the public pursuant to section 66(2) of the *Local Government Act 2020* to consider the following items, which were confidential for the purposes of section 77 of the *Local Government Act 1989*:

Report No.	Title	Reason for Confidential
COGE291	Designation of Information Provided at a Strategy and Policy Briefing Session as Confidential Information - June 2020	(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person.

CARRIED

The meeting was closed to the public at 9:16pm.

The meeting did not reopen to the public.

9. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 9:29pm.

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COUNCILLOR CARLY MOORE
MAYOR